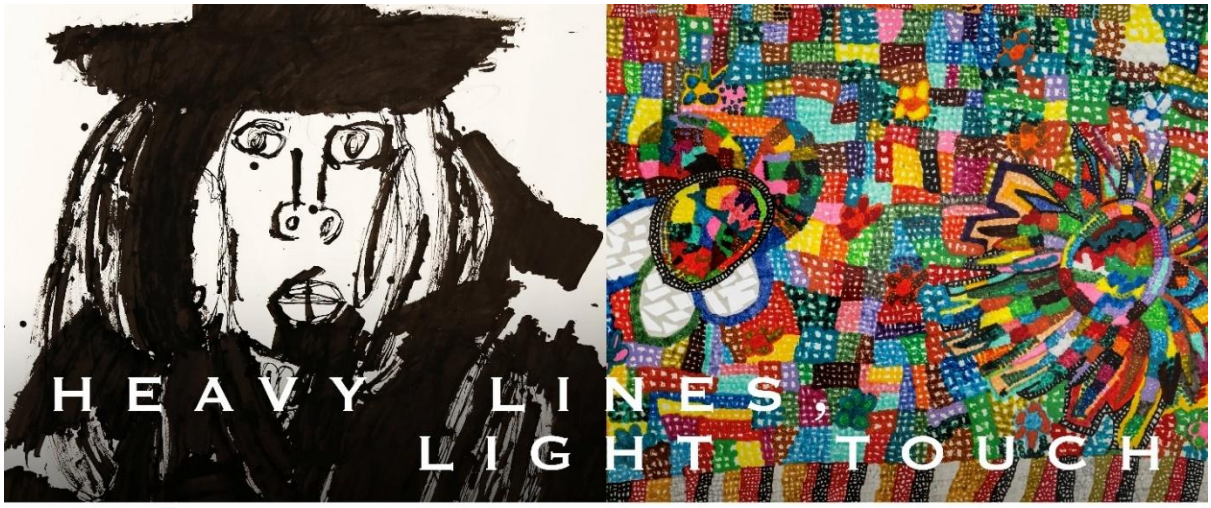
PATINA OSAKA PRESENTS LIMITED-TIME ART EXHIBITION "HEAVY LINES, LIGHT TOUCH"

Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion through Singapore–Japan Collaboration

Osaka, Japan, 18 August 2025 — Patina Osaka, the inaugural property in Japan by Capella Hotel Group, will host a special art exhibition **"Heavy Lines, Light Touch"** in collaboration with the Singapore Tourism Board and non-profit organisation ART:DIS (Arts & Disability) Singapore. The event will take place from 23 August to 7 September within the hotel's first-floor gallery space. This exhibition features works by two artists: Fern Wong from Singapore, who has Down syndrome, and Toshio Okamoto from Japan, who lives with an intellectual disability.



This thoughtfully curated exhibition celebrates the works by two artists: Fern Wong from Singapore, who has Down's syndrome, and Toshio Okamoto from Japan, who lives with an intellectual disability. Through their distinctive artistic expressions, the exhibition weaves together cross-cultural understanding while honouring the richness of neurodiversity.

This collaboration creates a meaningful platform for artists with disabilities and creators from diverse backgrounds to share their vision, fostering cultural exchange that transcends borders, contributing to a more inclusive and thoughtfully diverse society. The showcase also embodies Patina Osaka's philosophy of transformative luxury, offering guests an enriching encounter that awakens fresh perspectives and nurtures lasting inspiration.


Toshio Okamoto


Fern Wong

"Heavy Lines, Light Touch" invites viewers into the subtle sensibilities that guide both artists' creative journeys. It offers a contemplative space to discover the expressive power found within seemingly quiet gestures — a single line, a deliberate cut — and the remarkable emotional depth they hold.

Toshio Okamoto's powerful ink drawings are born from layered lines created while he lies on the floor, listening to music. Each mark contributes to a rhythm and movement that imbue the entire work with a unique sense of vitality. Drawing inspiration from figures, landscapes, magazines, and art books, he uses black ink and disposable chopsticks as tools. After swiftly sketching the overall form, he repeatedly retraces the lines, allowing splattered ink drops and textured strokes to infuse the piece with rich expression and energy.

In contrast, Fern Wong's work showcases intricate technique and poetic sensitivity, transforming discarded notice board paper into delicate cut-outs. Her creations brim with vibrant colours, whimsy fancy, and meticulous craftsmanship — a reflection of her distinctive personality and intuitive design sensibility. A native of Singapore, Wong has been widely recognised for her bright, refined visual language. In 2023, she was awarded the Grand Prize at the inaugural UOL x ART:DIS Art Prize. The following year, she held her first retrospective exhibition, featuring around 40 works that spanned nearly two decades of creative exploration. Fern's work is also currently on display within the Singapore Pavilion at Expo 2025 Osaka, serving as the creative inspiration behind Magic Hour, the daily light and sound show in the Pavilion's lush Dream Forest.
https://expo2025singapore.sg/magic-hour/

"Heavy Lines, Light Touch"
Exhibition period: 23 August to 7 September, 2025
Exhibition venue: Patina Osaka Gallery Space (level 1, free admission)

Organised by: ART:DIS
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https://www.artdis.org.sg/

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